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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Francis Gary Powers Press Appearances

I told Mr. McCone that I had phoned Salinger that there would be no press conference by Mr. Powers and that we would not make him available to individual members of the Press or the TV or Radio for interviews. He agreed with this. I told him that later today I would get word from Houston as to whether Powers would accept the \$5,000 offer to appear on the CBS program "EyeWitness" Friday night. We believe Powers will not appear.

Mr. McCone said he thought the Powers business went over very well yesterday. I told him it went off marvelously well and that Houston and Warner, I thought, had done a wonderful job.

I told him that Houston and I conferred this morning and agreed that Powers had, as of yesterday, finished his public appearances and that he would have no press conference, that it is his desire. Mr. McCone said that he thought this was fine.

I told him that I had phoned Salinger and that we would not announce what hospital he (Powers) is in, but we would say he is having a medical checkup and later will go on leave.

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